

**WE CLAIM:**

1. A system for controlling playback of digital content, the system comprising:  
a computing platform including playback hardware for converting said digital content to audio signals for playback by an analog playback device;  
a digital content player application, resident on said computing platform, for playback of said digital content; and  
a remote control device for communicating with said computing platform over a predetermined communication link and controlling said digital content playback application.
2. The system as recited in claim 1, further including a transmitter for transmitting audio signals from said computing platform to a remote analog playback device.
3. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said digital content is digital audio data.
4. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said digital data content is digital video data.
5. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing platform includes a local storage device for locally storing digital content.
6. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing platform is configured to receive said digital content over a network.
7. The system as recited in claim 6, wherein said network is the Internet.
8. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said remote control device includes user inputs as well as user outputs.

9. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said local storage device includes a persistent storage device.
10. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said local storage device includes a removable storage device.
11. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said predetermined communication link is a wireless link.
12. The system as recited in claim 11, wherein said wireless link is an RF link.
13. The system as recited in claim 11, wherein said wireless link is an infrared link.